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Dear Esteemed friend

A new year's greeting to you and a
disenthralled people. We have now received "official" inform-
ation of the subscription price of the Liberator for the coming
year and have read your remarks upon the subject. Supposing
you will not be unwilling to leave the price to your sub-
scribers I enclose \$5.00 as a partial estimate of its value
or rather what I should be willing to pay. Its actual value
is inestimable.

You hint at discontinuance. Let the response be -
Never! Go on with the good cause. There are many
architects who can plan well and rear splendidly, but
fail in putting on the capstone; and it is a fault with
our people, they undertake & partly accomplish much that
is estimable, but fail in perfecting. Now the Abolitionists
who have planned so nobly & so far executed so grandly -
let them not fail to fully complete the glorious work.
This is not yet over, and the labor of love, justice & salvation
of the Liberator, never will be over. Now as its earnest
founder & supporter, may not live to adjust the capstone.
Behold the beautiful fabric of Universal freedom, but
from personal knowledge, I know you will leave this great
citadel of liberty to ~~thorough~~ well garrisoned, others we may
hope on.

I love the name of your paper. I honor its principles. It
seems to mean even more than liberty to bondmen, for it
comprehends in its broad humanitarian significance, the
liberty of Conscience, of thought & expression restrained alone
by the moral forces of pure, revealed Christian spirit. Opposed,
as I have found it, to sectarianism & men class making,
it encourages the sweet spirit of love as exined in a full

recognition of Divinity and the observance of the great laws
of Christian brotherhood in practical life, as described
by the poet:-

Oh brother man! fold to thy heart thy brother,

When pity dwells the love of God is there;

To worship rightly is to love each other,

Each smile a ~~prayer~~ hymn, each pious deed a prayer

It has become a part of my life because it upholds
the equal rights of man & gives precedence only to
Actual worth as constituted by practical goodness - thus
ignoring the fearful corruption of Caste which exists
so unhappily in our midst. It has always & does yet
plead for the emancipation of Slavery, upon the ~~true~~
peaceful grounds of Christian justice. It declares
its love & sympathy for Slave & Slaveholder & while
rejecting the sword as a means for carrying out
ends so devoutly desired to while accepting the good
as it comes, it firmly maintains that success
in peace or in war, individually or Nationally is
based upon strict justice.

With a hopeful spirit
Alfred Love

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